distributorship of such dealers who are doing other additional business or profession in addition to the dealerships etc; and

(d) whether such restrictions is tenable in law and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) According to the guidelines for selection of retail outlet dealers/LPG distributors/SKO-LDO dealers issued by the Government, a person selected for the dealership/ distributorship shall be a full time working dealer/distributor and his annual income should not exceed Rs. 2 lakhs per annum for the purposes of selection as a dealer/distributor. The person selected, if employed, before issuance of the Letter of Appointment, should produce the proof of acceptance of his/her resignation by his/her employer.

No other conditionalities relating to income in post-appointment scenario are applicable as per the extent guidelines except the one relating to full time attention.

Remuneration to labour contractors of COCO pumps

274. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed Oil Corporation to calculate and pay the remuneration to labour contractors of COCO pumps as per the minimum wages fixed by the State Government;

(b) if so, whether this policy of payment is applicable from the dates of appointments of COCO pump Labour contractors;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, whether the Regional/Divisional Offices have been directed to calculate and pay the remuneration to such contractors as per the minimum wages fixed in respective States from the dates of commissioning of such pumps for the sake of labour welfare; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) As per the existing policy, the labour contractors of COCO retail outlets are paid a lumpsum amount

depending on the location and number of people deployed/to be deployed which, *inter alia*, takes into account the contractor's remuneration, payment to labourers as per the Minimum Wages Act, etc.

The payment as per the above policy is made with effect from the date of appointment of the labour contractor. All the Oil Marketing Companies follow this policy.

Ban on sale of CNG at night in Delhi

275. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a blanket ban on CNG dispensers running at night and as such these filling stations can now sell petrol and diesel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the numbers of three wheeler scooters that can be filled in a night from CNG dispensers in different parts of capital city can run several thousands at night;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for doing so; and

(d) whether Government would permit petrol pump owners to supply CNG to TSRs at night?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No sir.

(b) Yes sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No proposal as such has been received by the Government for consideration.

Suspension of LPG Cylinder Production by Balmer Lawrie

276. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI KHAGEN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacture of LPG cylinders by M/s Balmer Lawrie a